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Subject: NCLIS Position Statements/Recommendations to WCHOA

Subjects that NCLIS would like to see addressed at the White House Conference on Aging, especially in terms of library services for the aging

- The growing competition between rural and urban populations for ever-diminishing resources, particularly for library services for the aging. The subject relates to several topics listed in the conference agenda:
 - Our community: coordinated social and health services that give the elderly the maximum opportunity to age in place
 - Our community: planning and developing the built environment
 - Health and long term living: access to affordable, high quality services
 - Health and long term living: delivery of quality care by caregivers
 - Social engagement: integration of the elderly with the non-elderly community
 - The workplace of the future: opportunities for older workers
- Productive aging and role of libraries as community resource centers for delivering information about productive aging to citizens (just as the library serves as a community resource center for many other subjects). The subject relates to several topics listed in the conference agenda.
 - Planning along the lifespan: protection of financial assets
 - The workplace of the future: opportunities for older workers
 - The workplace of the future: work incentives/disincentives
 - The workplace of the future: use of technology
 - Our community: planning and developing the built environment
 - Health and long term living: healthy lifestyles, prevention, and disease management
 - Health and long term living: use of information to improve the delivery, administration, and quality of health care services
 - Social engagement: integration of the elderly with the non-elderly community
- The role of retirees as library employees (is it a match? The “graying” of the libraries and information science workforce requires skilled workers, and many retirees want to work in an intellectually stimulating environment. What policy recommendations are required to make the connection?)The subject relates to several topics listed in the conference agenda.
 - The workplace of the future: opportunities for older workers
 - The workplace of the future: ageism/age discrimination
 - Social engagement: integration of the elderly with the non-elderly community
 - Social engagement: effective individual adaptation to the conditions of aging

- Marketplace: creative products (and activities) to support independence
- Communicating research about productive aging and the special needs of the elderly (particularly the underserved elderly, such as rural populations, low-income, etc.) to decision makers in the several governing authorities that have responsibility for funding or otherwise providing services to this population. The subject relates to several topics listed in the conference agenda.
 - The workplace of the future: opportunities for older workers
 - The workplace of the future: work incentives/disincentives
 - The workplace of the future: ageism/age discrimination
 - Marketplace: promoting new products, technology, and new ways of marketing that will be helpful/useful to the older customer.

Representatives of the Commission for this activity are Commission Sandra F. Ashworth (whose appointment specifically requires her to focus on library services for the aging), Commissioner Carol L. Diehl, Commission Chairman Beth Fitzsimmons, Ph.D., and Commission Executive Director Trudi Bellardo Hahn, Ph.D.